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December 14, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunication and Energy
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
Boston, MA 02202

Re:

City of Cambridge, D.T.E. 04-65

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of Cambridge Electric Light Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("NSTAR Electric" or the "Company") to discovery questions asked in the above-referenced proceeding, as listed on the following Discovery Log.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours

John K. Habib

#### **Enclosures**

cc:

John Shortsleeve, Esq.

William Stevens, Hearing Officer

Sean Hanley, Rates and Revenues Requirements James Byrnes, Rates and Revenues Requirements Mark Barrett, Rates and Revenues Requirements

## LOG OF RESPONSES FILED

# **D.T.E.** 04-65

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Information Request: City 1-4

December 14, 2004

Respondent: Christine L. Vaughan

#### Information Request City 1-4

Please refer to the 62 separate annual listings of gross plant balance values in CAM 3, page 1 of 2, column 6, beginning with the starting balance of \$376,009 at the beginning of 1942 and ending with the \$3,795,701 in 2002. Please confirm that these are the gross plant value balances recorded on the Company's books at year end.

#### Response

The Company confirms that the above-referenced figures represent the gross plant value balances recorded on the Company's books at year end.

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Information Request: City 1-11

December 14, 2004

Respondents: Lawrence Poore/Christine Vaughan

#### Information Request City 1-11

Please explain the basis for each of the nine adjustments shown in Exhibit CAM-3, column 5, p 1.

#### Response

The following explains the adjustments shown in Exhibit CAM-5:

- Transfer from Underground Street Lighting Conduit to Underground 1943 Conduit \$(1,036).
- Transfer from Underground Conduit to Underground Street Lighting 1944 Conduit \$31.
- Transfer from Underground Conduit to Underground Street Lighting Conduit \$262.
- Transfer from Overhead Street Lighting Conductors to Overhead 1946 **Conductors \$(1,353)**
- Transfer from Underground Conductors to Underground Street Lighting 1947 Conductors \$52.
- Transfer from Underground Street Lighting Conduit to Underground 1970 Conduit \$62.
- Contribution in aid of Construction \$(162). 1973
- Transfer from Underground Street Lighting Conduit to Underground 1974 Conduit \$(103).
- Retirements from 1961 to 1975 booked to Street Lighting Conduit rather 1976 than Underground Conduit account (\$22,556) and Street Lighting Conductors rather than the Underground Conductor Account (\$76,334).

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Information Request: City 1-12 December 14, 2004

Respondents: Lawrence Poore/Christine Vaughan

#### Information Request City 1-12

Please explain the nature of each of the transfers in 1957 and 1976 in Exhibit CAM-3, column 4, p 1.

#### Response

The transfer of \$171,432 in 1957 is a transfer of conduit from the Underground Conduit account to the Street Lighting Underground Conduit account account.

The transfer of \$165,321 in 1976 records the reclassification of \$67,103 from Underground Conduit account to the Street Lighting Underground Conduit account and \$98,218 from Underground Conductor account to Street Lighting Underground Conductor account.

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Information Request: City 1-33

December 14, 2004

Respondent: Christine L. Vaughan

### **Information Request City 1-33**

Please provide the depreciation rate assumed for 2004 in developing Exhibit NSTAR-2.

#### Response

The Company has used a 6.29 percent depreciation rate for 2004. Since Exhibit NSTAR-2 shows the streetlighting equipment valuation as of September 30, 2004, the depreciation through that time would be approximately three-fourths of the expected total annual depreciation.